

*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,  
March 14, 1875.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Albert Medal of the Second Class on:—

LIEUTENANT THE HONOURABLE FRANCIS ROBERT SANDILANDS, R.N., of Her Majesty's Ship "Audacious."

The following is an account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred:—

In latitude 13° 44' N., longitude 58° 29' E., at one o'clock, A.M., of the 1st January, 1875, the ship being under steam, it being at the time dark, and the weather fine and clear, Frederick Cowd, Ship's Corporal of the First Class, fell overboard from the top-gallant fore-castle, and passed aft, apparently unable to help himself.

LIEUTENANT THE HONOURABLE FRANCIS ROBERT SANDILANDS, who had had the first watch, and was at the time on the bridge in conversation with the officer of the middle watch, immediately sprang after the drowning man, from a height of twenty-four feet, swam to him, and kept him above water. Owing to part of the slipping apparatus having been carried away, some delay was occasioned in getting the life-boat clear of the slings, but LIEUTENANT SANDILANDS never ceased his efforts to keep the man above water. Both were eventually picked up, the Ship's Corporal being insensible, and dying soon after being got on board the ship. LIEUTENANT SANDILANDS was unable to reach the life-buoys which had been let go, and he supported the man in the water from twelve to eighteen minutes, never quitting him until he was taken into the boat.

*Admiralty, 12th March, 1875.*

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—

Captain Richard W. Courtenay has this day been placed on the Retired List of his rank.

*Admiralty, 15th March, 1875.*

Navigating Lieutenant James Cole has been promoted to the rank of Staff Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 26th February, 1875.

*War Office, 16th March, 1875.*

**VOLUNTEERS.**

*3rd Administrative Battalion Derbyshire Rifle Volunteers.*

John H. Casson, Gent., to be Assistant-Surgeon Dated 17th March, 1875.

*8th Derbyshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Lieutenant John H. Casson resigns his Commission. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*27th Devonshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Arthur Lionel Pole, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*1st Edinburgh Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Arthur Muir Bruce, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 17th March, 1875.

Augustus Grant Jamieson, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 17th March, 1875.

Thomas Smith Smith, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 17th March, 1875.

William George Ross, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 17th March, 1875.

William Hawley, Gent., to be Quartermaster. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*1st Elginshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Captain-Commandant Felix C. Mackenzie resigns his Commission. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*2nd Elginshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Captain James Jameson resigns his Commission, also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*3rd Elginshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Captain William Culbard resigns his Commission. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*5th Essex Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Gilbert Sidney Jackson, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*1st Fifeshire Light Horse Volunteer Corps.*

George Clark Cheape, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*1st Administrative Battalion Forfarshire Rifle Volunteers.*

The resignation of Major Alexander Black, which appeared in the London Gazette of 12th January, 1875, is cancelled.

*1st Forfarshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

James Ramsay Alison, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 17th March, 1875.

*16th Glamorganshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

John Guthrie, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*1st Gloucestershire Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

Captain Mathew H. Hale resigns his Commission. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*1st Lanarkshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

The services of Lieutenant Adam Dick are dispensed with. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*1st Lanarkshire Engineer Volunteer Corps.*

Lieutenant James Dick Porteous resigns his Commission. Dated 17th March, 1875.

*3rd Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Lieutenant William Smyth to be Captain. Dated 17th March, 1875.

Andrew Hillcoat, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 17th March, 1875.

John Kennedy, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 17th March, 1875.

*16th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Lieutenant-Colonel James Reid resigns his Commission, also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement. Dated 17th March, 1875.